[*Translation*]

Facilities to Bidi Workers

1652. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers in bidi industries in the country; and

(b) the details of the facilities provided to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) As per information available there are approximately 37,31,800 bidi workers including home workers in the country.

(b) The Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 has been enacted to provide for financing of measures to promote welfare of the persons engaged in beedi establishments. The Fund is utilised to extend health, housing, educational, recreational and family welfare facilities to the beedi workers and their families.

[*English*]

Scholarship to students for study in Foreign Universities

1653. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students from different Universities of India are granted scholarships to study in foreign Universities/Institutions;

(b) if so, the details of such scholarships indicating the names of Universities/Institutions abroad where such scholarships are granted to students from India, discipline-wise; and

(c) the number of students who have gone abroad under such scholarships, University-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Offers of scholarships as and when received from donor countries for award of scholarships to Indian nationals under different Cultural Exchange Programmes/Schemes, applications are invited by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education from candidates through Press Advertisements all over India. No slots of such scholarships are allocated to any particular India or foreign University/institution, and selection is made on All India competition basis. These scholarships are normally for doctoral, post-doctoral or specialized studies. Details of students sent abroad under such programmes handled by the Department of Education are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Name of the country	*No. of scholars yearwise*		
	1988	*1989*	*1990*
USA . .	2	2	1
Japan . .	9	11	10
China . .	9	12	12
Indonesia . .	..	1	1
U.S.S.R. . .	19	10	..
U.K. . .	53	65	65
Canada . .	12	7	14
Bulgaria . .	2	2	1
Czechoslovakia .	3	2	..
Denmark . .	3	2	..
France . .	3	1	..
F.R.G. . .	9	15	7
Hungary . .	1	4	2
Poland . .	..	..	1
Yugoslavia .	..	..	2
Korea (South) .	1	..	..
Austria . .	1	1	2
Belgium . .	2	..	..
Greek . .	2	2	..
Italy . .	40	11	7
Netherlands .	2	1	..
Norway . .	5	7	2
Spain . .	5	4	..